



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:45 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - November 19, 2002

- ***In the West***, mild, dry weather favors autumn fieldwork in ***California and the Southwest***. Isolated showers are locally aiding winter wheat establishment in the ***interior Northwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, conditions remain generally favorable for summer crop harvesting across ***southern portions of the region***. A developing storm system is likely causing only minor fieldwork delays in ***Kansas and Nebraska***. Mostly dry, warmer weather continues to limit moisture for early wheat development in the ***north***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool, mostly dry weather is aiding final summer crop harvesting operations. However, the seasonably cool weather is slowing early winter wheat growth throughout the ***Midwest***.
- ***In the South***, mild, dry weather favors some additional cotton and soybean harvesting from the ***Delta to the southern Atlantic region***, although many fields remain muddy.

Outlook: Showers will accompany a weak front in the ***Mid-Atlantic and Northeast***. Scattered showers will gradually diminish in the ***Pacific Northwest***, with dry weather prevailing the remainder of the week. Dry, unseasonably warm weather will dominate the ***Rockies and Plain States***. Meanwhile, a strong cold front will bring snow showers to the ***Great Lakes and Ohio Valley***. Later in the week, a storm may develop along the ***East Coast*** and bring rain and snow to the ***Mid-Atlantic and Northeast***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 24-28 features subnormal precipitation in the ***West, northern Plains, Midwest, upper Delta, and Northeast***, while above-normal precipitation is anticipated in the ***southern Plains and along the Gulf and southern Atlantic Coasts***. Below-normal temperatures are forecast for the ***eastern half of the Nation***, and warmer than normal weather ***from the High Plains westward***.

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